

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BRUSSE 02534 122130Z

0

ACTION XMB-04

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 EA-07 ISO-00 AID-05 CIAE-00 COME-00

EB-07 FRB-03 INR-07 NSAE-00 USIA-06 TRSE-00 OPIC-03

SP-02 CIEP-01 LAB-04 SIL-01 OMB-01 NSC-05 SS-15

STR-04 CEA-01 AGR-05 L-03 DODE-00 SSO-00 PM-04 /101 W

----- 117420

R 141446Z MAR 76

FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6315

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BRUSSELS 02534

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, EEC, ETRD, BE

SUBJECT: EXPORT CREDIT UNDERSTANDING -- BELGIAN VIEWS

REF: STATE 56696

1. ON MARCH 9, EMBASSY PASSED TEXTS TRANSMITTED REFTEL TO GILBERT MORLEGHEM, DIRECTOR OF EXPORT CREDIT POLICY OFFICE, MFA. MORLEGHEM CALLED MARCH 12 TO PROVIDE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT REACTION.

2. MORLEGHEM SAID BLGIUM COULD IN PRINCIPLE ACCEPT UNDER-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BRUSSE 02534 122130Z

STANDING ALONG LINES OF U.S. TEXT. BELGIUM CANNOT SO

DECLARE, HOWEVER, UNTIL EC WORKS OUT ITS INTERNAL PROBLEM ON THIS ISSUE. IN ADDITION, BELGIUM AND OTHER SMALL EC COUNTRIES WHICH DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN RECENT NEGOTIATIONS WILL NEED MORE DETAILED BRIEFING ON AGREEMENT FROM MAJOR EC STATES. UP TO NOW, NONE OF THE MAJORS HAS OFFICIALLY COMMUNICATED TEXTS OF THE AGREEMENT TO THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT (MORELEGHEM ADDED WRYLY THAT U.S. HAS, IN FACT, BEEN MAJOR SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION OS FAR). ALL THIS WILL TAKE TIME, AND MORLEGHEM IS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT EARLY RESOLUTION OF EC INTERNAL DISPUTE. CONTRARY TO REPORT FROM COMMISSION SOURCES (SEE USEC 2495), MORLEGHEM STATED UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT BELGIUM BELIEVES EC INSISTENCE ON ITS COMPETENCE TO BE ENTIRELY LEGITIMATE. FRENCH ARE COMPLETELY ALONE IN THEIR OPPOSITION, HE SAID.

3. BELGIUM HAS ONE ADDITIONAL AND PARTICULAR CONCERN WITH REGARD TO AGREEMENT, ACCORDING TO MORLEGHEM. IT CONCERNS FRANCE, WHICH IS BELGIUMS'S MAJOR COMPETITOR IN LDC MARKETS. MORLEGHEM SAID THAT, AS PART OF ANY DECLARATION IT MAY EVENTUALLY MAKE, BELGIUM WILL INSIST ON RIGHT TO WAIVE NORMS WHENEVER ITS INDUSTRY IS COMPETING AGAINST FRENCH EXPORTERS BENEFITING FROM GOF GUARANTEE COVERAGE ATAINST COST ESCALATION.
FIRESTONE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: GOVERNMENT REACTION, EXPORT CONTROL, NEGOTIATIONS, EXPORT CREDIT GUARANTEES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 MAR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: morefirh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976BRUSSE02534
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760095-0689
From: BRUSSELS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760362/aaaaccyt.tel
Line Count: 85
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION XMB
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 56696
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: morefirh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 31 MAR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <31 MAR 2004 by MartinML>; APPROVED <31 MAR 2004 by morefirh>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EXPORT CREDIT UNDERSTANDING -- BELGIAN VIEWS
TAGS: EFIN, ETRD, BE, EEC, (MORLEGHEM, GILBERT)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006